

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 947

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Tennessee Department of Transportation to study the design and development of expanding qualifying high occupancy vehicle lanes to high occupancy toll or lanes.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds and declares that the study of the development and use of exclusive or preferential lanes on any highway of the interstate and defense highway system or a four-lane controlled-access highway which is a federal or state highway, including lanes that are presently designated as high occupancy vehicle, or HOV, lanes pursuant to §55-8-188, should be undertaken in order to relieve traffic congestion and increase the efficiency of the highway system in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is urged to study the design and development of expanding qualifying HOV lanes to high occupancy toll or HOT lanes based upon existing and estimated future highway traffic lanes and traffic congestion levels which vary depending upon the time of day. The Tennessee Department of Transportation is urged to report its findings and any recommendations relative to such study to the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives and Transportation Committee of the Senate during the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is urged to consult with the Federal Highway Administration regarding the federal review process needed to receive approval from the Federal Highway Administration to implement HOT lanes where appropriate in qualifying HOV lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is urged to address and study, via the Department's long-range transportation plan, the development and use of exclusive or preferential lanes on any highway of the interstate and defense highway system or a four-lane controlled-access highway which is a federal or state highway, including the implementation of HOT lanes where appropriate in qualifying HOV lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation.